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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application.

- U.S. Patent 6,319,264 discloses hernia mesh. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 8.
- EP 0 897 997 discloses a composite material. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 8. No full translation is available to Applicant at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.
- WO 92/10218 discloses an implantable bioabsorbable article. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 8.
- WO 93/17635 discloses a composite prosthesis and method for limiting the incidence of postoperative adhesions. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant

to International claims 1 - 8.

- DE 40 13 447 discloses a strong molding net which contains no toxic material, consisting of carbon fibers coated with thermoplastic material preferably polyethylmethacrylate.

The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 8.

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- EP 1 087 034 discloses a plasma coating method and three dimensional coated substrate. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 8. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

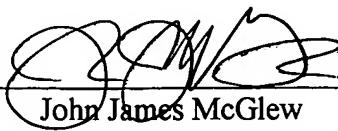
- DE 102 21 320 discloses a flat implant made of textile thread material, particularly a hernia mesh. The reference has been cited under Categories P and A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 8. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- "Surgi-Wrap Bioresorbierbare Anti-Adhäsionsfolie" Online! 2002, Macro Pore Biosurgery Inc., San Diego, U.S., XP002297528 has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claim 1. No translation is available at this time.

Consideration of the above references is requested.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>6,319,264</u>	<u>Nov. 20, 2001</u>	<u>Törmälä et al.</u>			<u>April 3, 1998</u>

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>EP 0 897 997</u>	<u>Feb. 24, 1999</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>WO 92/10218</u>	<u>June 25, 1992</u>	<u>International</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>WO 93/17635</u>	<u>Sept. 16, 1993</u>	<u>International</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>DE 40 13 447</u>	<u>Feb. 6, 1992</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>EP 1 087 034</u>	<u>March 28, 2001</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>No</u>
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Ex- aminer Initial	Author	Date	Title	Textbook in	Translation Yes/No
	<u>MacroPore and Surgi-Wrap, Biosurgery Inc.</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>Surgi-Wrap Bioresorbierbare Anti- Adhäsionsfolie</u>	<u>MacroPore BioSurgery, XP- 002297528</u>	<u>No</u>

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